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What is included in the letter?

It's all based on what not-for-profits say they need. Basically, we are hearing that it is hard for each organization to devote much manpower to writing grants, let alone finding potential grants and researching background information needed to win them. We also hear that not all of you have big bucks for training, but are interested in high quality experiences for little or no registration fees. Tips and news were also requested. For the specifics of what's in this e-letter, read on.

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This is an annotated list of some of the best currently available grants and resources. Scan through, to see if there is one that will enrich your organization.

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In this section, you will find reports and data that inform your work, but that also provide the hard data needed in writing winning grant proposals. A quick read here will let you know the gist of the report, and links take you to free downloads. Many nonprofit leaders cut and paste to a word processor file the notes on reports that interest them, for quick access. Or, they simply save the entire pdf.

Affordable Housing Data Base
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F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS for staff and customers

We search for training that is free or inexpensive, but high quality. In general, we only report on events that are within geographic reach, though we sometimes let you know of interesting events outside this area that are specifically designed to make your job easier or more effective. If you know of something we have missed, please let us know at Hupfbci@utah.gov.

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Now, the nitty gritty—plus links.

A. TIPS (*Timely tips, and sometimes mini-lessons*)

HELP FROM THE TRIB

The Salt Lake Tribune is launching a Web page to help non-profits market themselves.



The Web page is temporarily themed around the holidays, or so-called “Giving Season.” **The idea is to help non-profits publicize their Santa-maker programs, holiday donation wish lists and volunteer opportunities.** The Web page is an on-line feature only, and not replicated in the physical newspaper. All the details are in our last newsletter, which you can access through our web page, www.housing.utah.gov/uofbcj , or at [Volume 3 Number 3 November 2008](#) .

B. NEWS (*Nonprofit news for Utah.*) *Click link for whole story*

HELP FROM CONGRESS?

The Philanthropy News Digest reports that tax-exempt organizations will be asking their congressmen to consider incentives for giving.

The problem stems from the double edged sword in the worsening economy. Organizations that are striving to respond to the increasing neediness of increasing numbers of people are exhausting resources. At the same time, sources for resources are dwindling. Large grant-making foundations have been hard-hit by losses in their investment portfolios and by increased requests. Donations are falling as families and individuals feel the pinch. Federal grants for social services are inadequate to meet the needs. State and local governments are feeling reduced tax revenues. Businesses are fighting to survive, and cannot contribute as much.

Tim Delaney, president of the National Council of Nonprofit Associations, is quoted as saying (out loud) that many groups will need to scale back their programs next year. Steve Gunderson, president and CEO of Council on Foundations, says that some of their members are looking at whether established grant programs can be “postponed” so that resources can be re-directed for more critical needs in communities.

Because their services are so needed by communities, members of these and other groups are discussing what can be done to encourage and make possible more gifts and larger gifts. Some are considering lobbying congress for tax incentives for larger gifts to 501(c)(3) organizations. Shawn Zeller, a reporter with the Congressional Quarterly, reports that the Council on Foundations is backing a proposal that would temporarily allow the share of tax-deductible income that an individual could give to a foundation to be raised to 100 percent, from 30 percent. (*CQ Weekly*

11/01/08.) Another proposal would permit tax-free withdrawals from individual retirement accounts for donations to foundations.

FOR FOOD BANKS

Wal-Mart Foundation has announced that it will become one of the biggest donors for Feeding America, formerly known as America's Second Harvest. They plan to fill a critical need for protein, dairy products and other groceries. More than 450 Wal-Mart and Sam's Clubs will ship food immediately, and by the end of 2009, it is expected that all 2,724 Supercenters and Neighborhood markets, as well as 594 Sam's Club locations will be affiliated with community food banks across the country, shipping an estimated 90,000,000 pounds of food annually. The full press release is at <http://walmartstores.com/FactsNews/NewsRoom/8796.aspx>.



C. FUNDING, GRANTS & RESOURCES *(Annotated list of some currently available grants and resources.)*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Do Something program honors and funds the efforts of dynamic leaders age 25 and under. In the 2009 program, five winners will receive a minimum of \$10,000 in community grants and scholarships. (Only winners who are age 18 and under are eligible for a scholarship of \$5,000 and a \$5,000 community grant; winners age 19-25 receive their entire award in the form of a community grant.) Of the five winners, one will be selected as the grand prize winner, and will receive a total of \$100,000 in community grants, paid directly to the nonprofit of his or her choice.

Deadline: Feb 1, 2009

Contact: http://www.dosomething.org/programs/awards_guidelines

LIVE PERFORMING ARTS

The Multi-Arts (MAP) Production Fund, a program of Creative Capital, supports original new work in all disciplines and traditions of the live performing arts. The goal of the MAP Fund is to assist artists who are exploring and challenging the dynamics of live performance within our changing society, thus reflecting our culture's innovation and growing diversity. MAP seeks especially to support work that brings insight and vibrant critique to the issue of cultural difference, be that in class, gender, generation, ethnicity, or tradition. In contrast to the preservation or examination of existing repertoire, MAP supports those creating the art of our own time.

Up to forty awards are given each year. Award amounts range from \$10,000 to \$45,000. The average award amount is \$22,000.

<http://www.mapfund.org/apply.html>

Multi-Arts Production Fund, 73 Spring Street, Ste. 401
New York, NY 10012 p. 212-226-1677 f. 212-226-7665
mapinfo@mapfund.org



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Department of Justice recently announced that it is receiving applications for three different programs. Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply for these grants.

Background: The [Enhanced Training and Services to End Domestic Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Grant Program](#) is offering a discretionary grant aimed at addressing the issue of elder abuse through training and services. The program is aimed at creating programs which decrease the barriers of women 50 years and older who have suffered abuse.

The [Legal Assistance for Victims \(LAV\) Grant Program](#) has opened grants to help broaden the Legal Assistance Program. This program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance in order to provide effective aid to victims who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of abuse or violence. This program provides representation to individuals as a result of abuse or violence.

The [Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program](#) has opened a grant solicitation to assist its transitional housing program. This program focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to provide transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing. This grant is for organizations looking to provide housing to victims.

Eligibility: Faith Based and Community organizations are encouraged to apply for all three grants. Some grants would like an organization with prior experience in the field which the grant is offered; specific details can be found in individual solicitations.

Solicitation: More information on each grant can be found at http://www.usdoj.gov/fbci/fundopp_current.html

Due By: For the first two grants, a letter of intent to apply must be submitted by January 7th, 2009. Applications are due January 28th, 2009. For the Transitional Housing Assistance Grant, the letter of intent to apply must be submitted by December 24th, 2008 and the application deadline is January 8th, 2009. All applications must be filled out through www.grants.gov.

Contact: Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
800 K Street, N.W., Suite 920
Washington, D.C. 20530
Phone: 202-307-6026

BUSINESS LOANS FOR VETERANS



“Patriot Express” Loans of up to \$500,000 are available to veterans and certain other members of the military community. The Small Business Administration (SBA) and its resource partners are focusing additional efforts on counseling and training to augment this loan initiative. Loans can be used for most business purposes, including start-up, expansion, equipment purchases, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real estate purchases.

Patriot Express loans carry SBA’s lowest interest rates for business loans, generally 2.25 percent to 4.75 percent over prime depending upon the size and maturity of the loan. Application begins at the local SBA office, which will have lists of Patriot Express lenders. The Utah District Office is at 125 South State Street, Room 2227, Salt Lake City, UT 84138, (801) 524-3209.

Learn more at www.sba.gov/patriotexpress/sba_patriot_expressloan.html

HEALTHY KIDS AND FAMILIES

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) will award approximately 60 grants through this call for proposals (CFP) to help local community partnerships nationwide increase opportunities for physical activity and improve access to affordable healthy foods for children and families.

Deadline: Feb 3, 2009

Contact: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20603&c=EMC-FA138>

D. AWARDS AND HONORS *(Recognition—some with resources.)*

The [Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation](#), which works to help young people with disabilities to lead full and productive lives, is accepting nominations for the MEAF Inclusion Champion Award. An individual working to promote the full inclusion of youth with disabilities in society will be honored with an award of \$1,000 given to the charity of his or her choice

The Inclusion Champion Award will be presented during the [Kids Included Together annual conference](#) in March 2009. The award consists of a trophy and \$1,000 donated to the charity of the champion's choice.

Deadline: December 1, 2008

Visit the MEAF Web site for complete nomination guidelines.

Contact: <http://www.meaf.org/grants-inclusion.php#incchamp>

E. SPECIAL RESOURCES *(Reports and data. Most download for free.)*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DATA BASE

This database is used by service agencies and individuals to locate rental housing units. The various housing agencies that receive Olene Walker Housing Loan Funds are required to regularly post vacancies into the database. Other landlords are encouraged to participate. Lora Rees at 538-8872 manages this database and can provide assistance to database users. This should be helpful to refugee agencies, as well as others looking for affordable rental housing.

<http://findhousing.utah.gov/uahd/welcome.do;jsessionid=C11A1BCF71DCE38CB09F09A99F7B66A0>

Lose the link? Go to www.housing.utah.gov and click on Find Affordable Housing.



AIR TRAVEL / SPECIAL NEEDS

Will you or someone you know be traveling by air with someone who needs extra time getting through the TSA screening? TSA has just updated their web page with information on the screening of persons with disabilities and their associated equipment, mobility aids, and devices. The information is also useful for those traveling with small children (who may need to know the procedures for carrying on baby bottles and other items that won't fit into that 6" bag) and those traveling with elderly persons who just need extra time without pressure for the TSA screening. For all the details, go to <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/specialneeds/index.shtm> .

RESOURCES FOR VETERANS

The National Resource Directory

An online partnership of "shared care" providing information on, and access to, services and resources for wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans, their families and families of the fallen, and those who support them from recovery and rehabilitation to community reintegration.

It is maintained by the Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs. The information in the Directory is from federal, state and local governmental agencies; veteran service and benefit organizations; non-profit community-based and faith-based organizations; academic institutions, professional associations and philanthropic organizations.

<https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.org/nrd/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=6006>

STRUGGLING TEENS / BLOG FOR PROVIDERS

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's *Reclaiming Futures* has launched the first national blog dedicated to the topic of teens in the juvenile justice system struggling with drug and alcohol use. *Reclaiming Futures Every Day* is professionally staffed and aims to keep people informed of the latest happenings in the area of juvenile justice and substance abuse treatment.

<http://www.rwjf.org/vulnerablepopulations/product.jsp?id=36468&c=EMC-CA144>

F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS for staff and customers

(Free or inexpensive—or scholarships.)

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) National Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible graduating high school seniors who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. Students are selected and awards are distributed based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need and community involvement. Additional selection criteria may be specified by the respective participating local RMHC Chapter based on strategic goals and community needs.



Deadline: Feb 16, 2009

Contact: <http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/>

IN-HOUSE TRAINING TOPICS

When considering training for your staff, do not overlook your own staff members delivering timely topics to their own colleagues. Much valuable training can also be accomplished in short sessions you can deliver at staff meetings. Look for topics that can be put right to use.

For example, you may find that in the present economic climate, more staff members may have to step up with outreach—and speaking at various venues—about the value and the needs of your organization. This may take some outside their comfort zone, and may call for a short in-house briefing on the topic. No problem. Amy Schouten has found a website that outlines clearly and well the steps to feeling at ease with public speaking—ready for delivery at your next staff meeting. This is not your father's Dale Carnegie—it's all updated, and quite useful.

http://www.dalecarnegie.com/lead_nurturing/tips/eprint.jsp?tipid=21&franchisee=911040

You can also ask staff members who attend meetings and conferences to brief colleagues at staff meetings about the best things they learned, or to come back and deliver a longer training meeting.

TRADE TRAINING

Another technique is to talk with your partners about what training topics they might offer to your organization. There just might be some critical topics on the list. Also look to how you or your colleagues might have information of value to partners—so effective trading might occur, which could also result in better a better collaboration climate and project cohesiveness.

GRANT WRITING – FREE TUITION!

Last month we reported on two free workshops. One date has passed, but there is another still coming up. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is offering a **free** one-day grant writing workshop. This is a high-quality training opportunity, comparable to expensive commercial offerings, but free of tuition. Because the class fills up quickly, it is recommended that you register soon, if you are sure you can attend. Space is limited, particularly at the Ogden site.

Study topics will include:

- Assessing capacity
- Crafting needs statements and other elements
- Utilizing logic models

The workshop is open to everyone, but the materials will be most useful to inexperienced grant writers.

Monday, December 8 from 8:45 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Bear Community Center, at the intersection of Bear River Drive and Bear Parkway, Evanston, Wyoming.

Register online at http://www.hud.gov/event_registration/index_2.cfm?eventID=1299 .

For questions, registration problems or additional information call

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